

REMARKS

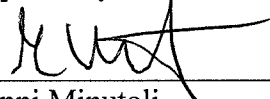
The allowance of claims 1-6 and 10-14 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 7-9 have been canceled solely to further the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and in other applications.

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakamoto. Claim 9 also stands objected to. The rejection and objection are respectfully traversed. Claims 7-9 have been canceled. As such, the objection and rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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